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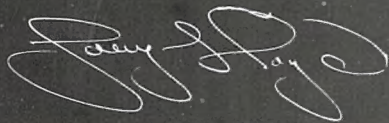
Good afternoon and welcome to Springfield Park for this vital clash with Rochdale. Last week's game at Halifax was a bit disappointing, as I felt, on reflection, that we dropped two points as opposed to winning one point. We are still sitting fairly pretty, but by no means are we certain to get promotion. We still have to work very hard in the remaining games to achieve our ambition of Third Division football at Springfield Park next season.

It seem's incredible that with the number of points we have, we are still not certain of our future. If one converts the points we have to last season's system of two points for a win and one point for a draw, then we would have already gained promotion in last year's division. You can see now, when I said earlier in the season that the four teams that get promotion this term, in my opinion, will do very well in the Third.

Congratulations to Mick Clarke and the Reserve side, who have now had nine consecutive wins. Well done lads!

Enjoy the game,

Best wishes,



Larry Lloyd.



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## DOWN MEMORY LANE

The 1970-71 season had been very successful, both from a playing point of view and financially. Everyone, therefore, became very optimistic in regard to our chances of gaining election to the Football League at the Annual General Meeting to be held at the Cafe Royal in London in early June. The Wigan Observer reported as follows; "Unless soccer has gone insane, we challenge all-comers to argue that Wigan are not now a certainty to be in the League by mid-June". The Observer had been wrong before, and it was wrong again — Wigan did, however, poll 4 less votes than the previous year. Even Hereford, who had previously been "also-rans" gained 22 votes against Wigans' 14. Lincoln, Barrow, Hartlepool and Newport were all re-elected.

In Wigan, the news was greeted with utter disbelief. It was seen as an insult to the Club and the town as a whole, and the National Press, also taken aback, had to find a scapegoat, and they chose the then Chairman Ken Cowap. Prior to

the meeting, Mr. Cowap had distributed a gift of a Parker Pen to each voting representative. It was done simply as a small gesture of goodwill, but it was constructed as an attempt to unfairly influence the voting. Whether or not it did affect the voting was debatable. The year after when Hereford gained election, they presented all voting clubs with a china Herefordshire Bull.

In 1972, Wigan created a minor sensation in the football world by applying for admission to the Scottish League. This did the club no good at all, as the next three years Wigan were completely ignored at the A.G.M. of the Football League. That season proved to be totally disappointing, the club only finished third in the League and were beaten at home in the F.A. Challenge Trophy by Barnet. At the end of that season, Gordon Milne left the club to take up an appointment as Manager of Coventry City — where he still reigns as General Manager.

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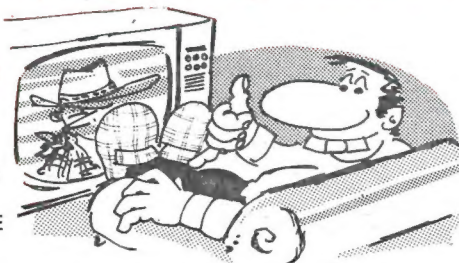
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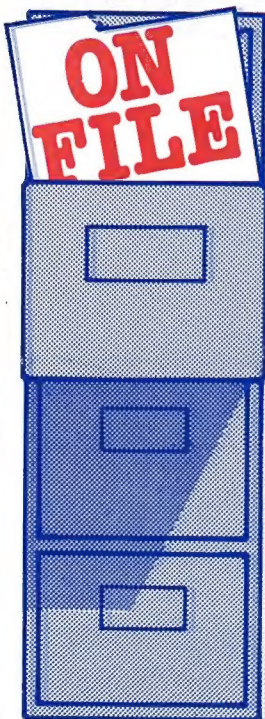
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In the past twelve months I have watched football in such diverse places as the Parc du Prince in Paris and the Victoria Ground, Hartlepool. But the highlight of the year occurred on Easter Sunday when I turned out for my pub team, The Railway Inn (West Didsbury), in a friendly versus the Dole Office (Burton Road) at that legendary football stadium, Cringle Fields (at the back of Fairey Engineering Works) in Manchester.

In sunny, but windy conditions, we turned up for the 2.30 kick-off at 2.35, having had an extended coaching session in the pub, which didn't finish until we were chucked out at 2.20. Stan, our player/manager, had frightened the opposition captain by telling him that I was connected with Wigan Athletic. "Are you on their books, then?" he enquired. Shyly I replied, "I'm not exactly 'on' their books. Actually I 'keep' their books". Thus, with our only psychological advantage gone, we were forced to take the field. Lining up for the team photograph, I insisted on wearing an Adidas sweatshirt, claiming that I was paid to do so. "Who by?", asked the manager, "Umbro?" Cheek!

If football is all about characters, The Railway Inn is a tribute to the game. Amongst the stars is Simon, who would be a "natural" if he could keep his glasses on to play. He started off as left-back, but after tackling his own centre-half four times, we were forced to move him to the wing where, despite a short bad spell in which he kept talking to the corner flag, he performed quite well. The term

"playing a blinder" takes on a whole new meaning when you watch Simon. Then there is Glenn, who compares himself to Mario Kempes, but plays like the superstars sister, Marion. His claim to fame is that he completed the Manchester Marathon last year, and he was determined to apply the same dedication to football. But when it came to the match, he merely ran around the pitch for 48 laps and collapsed.

Half-time was us 3-1 down, and I decided that a touch of the Larry Lloyd's was called for. "Get over here, you lot!" I shouted. They all looked at me as if I was mad and continued to light their cigarettes and knock the tops off their bottles of brown ale. So I decided to give them a touch of the Marie Lloyd's instead and sang them a funny song.

Full-time eventually arrived and we had lost 7-1, (a score-line which didn't really reflect the game — it should have been 7-0! The highlight of the game for me was when I sustained an ankle injury (prior to working for Wigan Athletic I would have said I sprained my ankle — now I describe it as 'ligament trouble' which definitely prevented my lethal left foot devastating their defence — although Stan insists that the only thing that prevented my left-foot from scoring three goals was the left leg attached to it. Anyway, I enjoyed it and put our poor performance down to pre-promotion nerves. Next week, the Bradford and Bingley Building Society (Cashiers XI). That should be a cracker.

Cheers,

**Colin Burke.**



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# THE LOCAL VIEW



by Harold Ashurst

The Post and Chronicle Sunday League are set to follow their Wigan Amateur League colleagues and withdraw from next season's Lancashire Inter-League competition.

The Post had a lot of trouble this year and finally withdrew after a long dispute with Bolton Combination, but this has nothing to do with their future plans in the competition. They are considering withdrawing, like the Amateur League, because of the cost involved and the issue will be voted on by clubs at the next meeting.

Speaking of meetings, the Amateur League's fortnightly get-together last Tuesday was the launching pad for the tickets for their annual presentation on May 20. The trophy hand-out at Tiffany's is always "a reet good do" as they say, and this year it should be no exception.

League General Secretary Mike Taylor is becoming increasingly concerned about attendances at the meetings. The one two months ago saw six clubs missing, and Mike was hoping for a better turn-out on Tuesday, when there were a number of important

issues to be discussed.

Congratulations to Castle Spinners, Victoria and Millstone of the Post and Chronicle Sunday League, who have all gained promotion from their respective divisions.

Castle Spinners achieved their objective in style last week, they thrashed St. Williams 9-1 to move into the First Division — a magnificent achievement when you consider they only joined the League three seasons ago.

Fingers are crossed in certain parts of the Amateur League empire that Whelley Reserves and Abram can continue their giant-killing acts in the semi-finals of the Laithwaite Shield and make it an all First Division final at Springfield Park later in May.

Barring their way are two of the League's strongest sides, Wigan Youth, who face Abram and Aspull, who meet Whelley reserves.

The Premier Division sides must be favourites to go through to the final — but strange things have been known to happen in football. Anyway, good luck to the underdogs is what I say.

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# P I C T U R E



**ABOVE LEFT:**  
Eamon O'Keefe puts Wigan into the lead against Crewe from the penalty spot.

**ABOVE RIGHT:**  
Fine service here from Peter Houghton as he gets in his cross, which resulted in Eamon O'Keefe scoring his second goal against Crewe.

**BELOW:**  
Peter Houghton drives home Wigan's first goal in fine style at Blackpool. Photographs by David Cookson.



# G A L L E R Y



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Yours sincerely,  
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# MONEY MATTERS



Good afternoon and welcome back to Springfield Park. It seems ages since we last played a home game, I know it's only two weeks, but when we've been playing two matches a week, two weeks seems a long time to wait.

Well, Wigan Athletic have won their first trophy of the season, (let's hope that it's not the last!), our programme has won the award for the "Best in the Fourth Division", and just like football, it's been a team effort. I am a newcomer to the team, only having made my small contribution since January, but the other members of the team have "played all season", Colin Burke who is in "overall control" (or is it in control of the overalls!), Jack Farrimond for his "Down Memory Lane", Jack must have a memory like a computer to remember all his bits of information.

Chris Gill and Harold Ashurst, two of our local journalists, who always write such varied and interesting columns, we must thank them for finding the time to write for our programme, when they have

so much other work to do for their local papers.

Jimmy Hoy, for the Supporters' Club column, John Fillingham for the "Junior Latics", The Chairman, for his always interesting and topical comments, and of course, Larry Lloyd for his column, which is also very much to the point.

To my mind, the person who adds so much to the programme is David Cookson, our photographer. You will always see David home or away, in rain, snow, sleet and sometimes, if we are lucky, sunshine, sat behind the opposition's goal line. To him we owe our thanks for the many fine action shots he has taken and for the many fine goals he has preserved for us via his camera.

The one person we must not forget is Jack Sudworth. Without Jack's fine efforts before he left us in January, we would not have won the trophy. Jack strove to improve the programme every match, so to him we owe a big vote of thanks.

Last, but by no means least, is Helen Turner, who is the programme editor. It is Helen who has to "chase" all the contributors for their notes, and sometimes this is not as easy as it sounds. Would you like to ask Larry Lloyd for his notes on a Monday after a not-so-good game on the Saturday? Well, Helen has to; and of course, you, the spectator, without your comments about the programme it would never improve, so thank you very much for your contributions via our Notice Board.

Have a good afternoon.

**David Roberts,**  
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The Reserve team have had quite a strenuous Easter period. On Saturday, 10th April, they entertained a strong Liverpool "A" team at Wigan and won 2-0. On Easter Monday, we travelled to Chorley for a re-arranged game, again winning 2-0. On Wednesday, we were at home to Crewe in the Umbro Floodlit League, and won 2-1. Future games at home are as follows:-

15th May — **Lancashire League** — Wrexham  
27th April — **Umbro Floodlit League** — Chester

On Tuesday, 20th April, the Lancashire Junior Cup Final will be staged at Springfield Park — 7.30 p.m. kick-off. Chorley v. Barrow.

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The Committee and Bar Staff would like to welcome the officials, players and spectators of Rochdale Football Club to Springfield Park.

### SUBSCRIPTIONS

In the last programme, I reported that subscriptions would be £2.00 and £1.00 for O.A.P's, this has since been reviewed, and will now be £1.20 and 60 pence respectively. These are due by 1st May, 1982.

The change in the format of the club, which the directors informed us of, will not now take place and the club will continue in its present form, i.e. a Registered Members Club.

### PLAYER OF THE YEAR AWARD

The presentation will be made on Wednesday, 28th April, when the cabaret will consist of 'The Saffron Showgroup' and 'Liberty Belles', tickets are £1.50 and are limited. These are available from any committee member.

### NOEL WARD BENEFIT

Tonight we are holding a Hot-Pot supper with a disco and buffet at the Wellfield Hotel, Beech Hill. There are a few tickets left and are available from committee members, price £2.00.

By the time these notes are printed, we should know our opponents for the Benefit Match on Monday, 17th May. Kick-off 7.30 p.m. Please help to make this a night to remember for someone who has given you many good memories.

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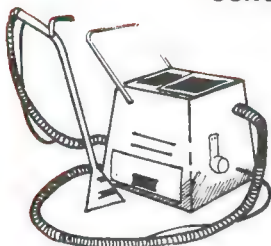
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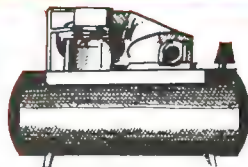
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**Rochdale Association Football Club Limited — Season 1981-82**

**Back Row:** (Left to right) Terry Dolan, Mark Hilditch, Graeme Crawford, Brian Taylor (Captain), Mike Poole, Cooper. **Middle Row:** Peter Madden (Manager), Nigel O'Loughlin, Alan Weir, Barry Wellings, Dave Goodwin, Conner (Ass. Manager). **Front Row:** Steve Warriner, Darren Lambert, Neville Hamilton, Dave Esser, Eugene

Rochdale, our visitors today, were formed in 1907, and became a Limited Company in 1910. In 1921 they became founder-members of the newly formed Third Division (North). Ted Goodier, who held the position as Manager after the war, was, in 1953, persuaded to take over at Wigan Athletic and during the years he stayed at Springfield Park there was an enormous amount of success. Our gain was obviously

Rochdales' loss.

The ground at Rochdale, known as "Spotland", has a capacity of 28,000, and has car parking facilities at the ground and in the adjacent side-streets.

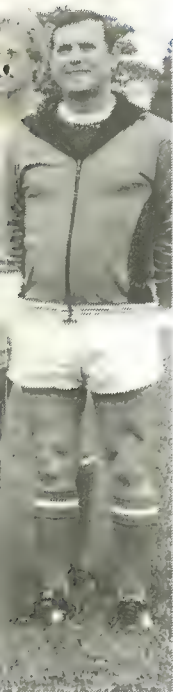
The club are nicknamed "The Dale".

**PERSON**

**BRIAN TAYLOR** old Central Defender six years as a Middlesbrough transferred to Do December 1975. T moved to his pr Hodthorpe. He 11st.9lbs.  
**ALAN WEIR** 23



# ... in town today... in town today... DALE



Eric Snookes, Terry n, Peter Burke, Dick ene Martinez.

## ALITIES

(Captain) 27 year der Player. Spent professional with before being ncaster Rovers in hree years later he esent Club. Born ight 5'11" Wt.

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player. Cost Rochdale their record fee of £20,000 when signed from Sunderland in June 1979. He is a former England Youth Captain who made his League debut at Bolton in March 1978. Born South Shields. Height 5'6". Wt. 9st.8lbs.

**NIGEL O'LOUGHLIN** 27 year old Mid-field player. He is a former Welsh Schoolboy International who made his League debut as a substitute with Shrewsbury Town in August 1972. He was voted Player of the Year last Season. He made 200 appearances for Rochdale. Born Denbeigh. Height 5'8". Wt. 10st.0lbs.

**EUGENE MARTINEZ** 24 year old Striker player. Started his career with Bradford City made 52 first team appearances scored 5 goals. He was Peter Madden's first signing player as Manager in the close Season 1980. Born Chelmsford.

**NEVILLE HAMILTON** 21 year old Mid-field player. Started his career with Leicester City, played four first team games. Moving then on to Mansfield Town been at Mansfield Town for two seasons. Signed for Rochdale July 1981. Born Leicester. Height 5'8". Wt. 10st.0lbs.

**DAVE ESSER** 24 year old Mid-field player. Started his career with Everton. He found it difficult to get a first team place, despite having a good Season in the Reserves. Signed for Rochdale in July 1977.

**BARRY WELLINGS** 23 year old Centre Forward player. Started his career with Everton in the Central League side. Moved to York City where he made 47 appearances and scored 9 goals. Joined Rochdale close Season 1980. Played in every game in the Season. Born Liverpool. Height 5'7". Weight 11st.1lb.

**GRAEME CRAWFORD** 34 year old Goalkeeper. Started his career with East Stirling. Moved to Sheffield

United played 2 games. Had 2 games with Mansfield Town on loan. Moving then on to York City making 235 appearances, was a member of York side who won promotion to Division 2 in 1973/74. From York to Scunthorpe United, made 104 appearances there and then he moved back to York. Joined Rochdale last Season 1980/81, for a sum of £2,500. Born Falkirk. Height 6'2". Wt. 12st.0lb.

**DAVE GOODWIN** 27 year old Striker player. Started his career with Stoke City 26 first team games. Played 7 games with Workington on loan, from there moving on to Mansfield Town, spent last Season with Bury but only playing a handful of first team games with them. Signed for Rochdale July 1981. Born Alsager. Ht. 5'11". Wt. 11st.7lbs.

**TERRY DOLAN** 31 year old Mid-field player. Started his career with Bradford City, then moving on to Bradford Park Ave. He made a move to Huddersfield Town where he made 162 first team appearances scoring 14 goals, from there he moved back to Bradford City. Signed for Rochdale July 1981. Born Bradford. Height 6'1". Wt. 11st.3lbs.

**MARK HILDITCH** 21 year old Striker player. Was spotted while playing in local Football and signed for Rochdale as a non-contract player in November 1977. Made his League debut the following month as a substitute, scored in his second full League game and signed on contract in November 1978.

**ERIC SNOOKES** 26 year old Left Back player. He was a Preston North End and Crewe Alexandra player who joined Southport in July 1975. In July 1978 he linked up with Rochdale after Southport had lost their League status. Born Birmingham. Height 5'7". Wt. 10st.0lbs.

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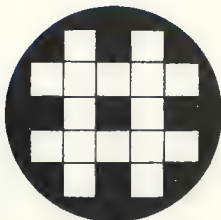
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# PUZZLE PAGE



## ON THE BALL No. 26

Every answer has five letters and the first one fits into the top line, but you have to decide where the rest must go:  
**Allan; Stoke; Banks; Platt.**

## CLUB CLUE No. 25

Solve this cryptic clue to identify a soccer side:  
**The new stadium built especially for them.**

## MIXED DOUBLES No. 26

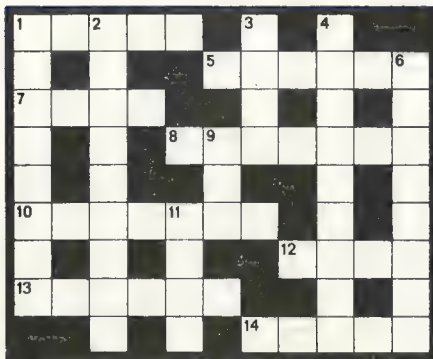
Re-order the letters in each of the words **HAYS** and **ROMAN** to find the names of two 'Ground' grounds.

## QUICK QUIZ No. 26

- Which club's FA Cup final record reads: Played 2, Won 2, For 10, Against 0?
- Which club has been managed twice round by Eddie Quigley and Jimmy Meadows?
- What is Rachid Harkouk nicknamed?
- In what year was the Charity Shield introduced?
- Which League ground suffered the worst bomb damage in the second world war?

ANSWERS ON PAGE 30

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## SOCCER NINETY-NINER

**No. 26** (compiled by David Peck)  
**ACROSS**

- & 3dn. Bury bought this midfielder from Wigan early last season (5,4)
- International skipper who went from White Hart Lane to the Whitecaps (6)
- Midfielder who completed his 200-match quota for Bolton at the start of the season (4)
- It's just the place for Racecourse addicts! (7)
- Manager of Blackpool between Stokoe and Ball (7)
- Midfielder who had played 200 games for Huddersfield before becoming an almost ever-present for Walsall last season (4)
- Midfielder who joined PNE's coaching staff after over 400 games for them over the last twenty years (6)
- Famous goalkeeper Rudi --- played for Austria and France in the 1930s but was refused a work permit when Arsenal wanted to sign him ( 5)

## DOWN

- This old nickname for Burnley makes them sound like racecourse addicts! (8)
- It sounds like the chief street on one side of Manchester (5,4)
- See 1 across
- Defender who played his 500th League game whilst with Bury this season, having earlier served Barnsley, Newcastle, Arsenal and Birmingham (3,6)
- Much-capped player-manager who took over at Tranmere last season (8)
- Pountney, perhaps (3)
- Snookes, say (4)

# OUT & ABOUT



with Chris Gill

On the face of it, last weekend's trip to Halifax could have been very entertaining on three counts.

There was the pre-match music provided by a melodious local band, the game itself . . . and above all, an added attraction titled "Spot the spare programme".

Latics fans were gathering all over the place, in fact at any spot where, hidden underneath a mass of bodies, there was hope of finding a programme seller.

For some unknown reason Latics fans take great stock in programme collection, but at some grounds they have their work cut out trying to keep them up to date.

But at Halifax programmes were rarer than a goal. In fact, by 2 p.m. — a time when most clubs put their sellers out on the streets, — you couldn't get a "prog" to save your life.

Amazingly, a peep into the seller's room showed that the lot had been sold and they were in fact cashing up!

Some people looked for salvation

when one youngster announced there were another 100 progs inside the ground, but they were earmarked for Latics' supporter's shop . . . and would be on sale on Monday . . . my copy is usually in the bin at the office by then.

Anyway, it was a forlorn losing battle for most, again missing out because of small print run.

But I've yet to see an occasion match that at Rochdale one year, when one seller, besieged by fans, sold his complete stock . . . to one person, and joyfully slipped off home for an hour's rest before the game.

Incidentally, going back to the Halifax game, did anyone notice the 'extra' crowd, peering over the top of a wall at the unterraced end of "The Shay".

About 50 people were actually stood along the top on land owned, or leased, by the local bus company which provided a plum free viewing spot.

With supporters as enthusiastic to back their team financially as that . . . no wonder the club is on the verge of dropping out of the League.

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Other contributors not on the photo are Freddie Pye (Chairman), Chris Gill (Out and About), Harold Ashurst (Local View), and David Cookson (the man behind the camera).

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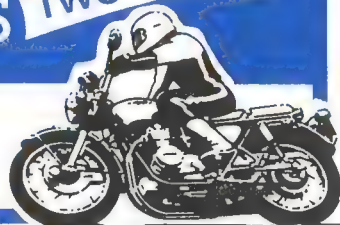
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With just three home games left including today's, I think it may be a good time to look back at what has or hasn't been achieved by the Junior Latics since our first meeting, which was held at the beginning of September.

Over the remaining games, I will be looking back and taking a look into the future as far as I am able with Junior Latics in mind. Today I am going back to the period of September to January. At the outset, we made ourselves a target of between 250 and 300 members as being a realistic number. Before our first meeting we had 147 children who had actually joined. The response on the evening was overwhelming, as a further 100 children joined, so we had achieved our minimum target. The meeting itself was an outstanding success with both players and officials of the club there in numbers, and pledging Junior Latics all their support.

By this time, we had of course, started our mascot-scheme, which, if we had done nothing else, would have made Junior Latics worthwhile, to see the face of a child about to lead out the team is a picture.

By this time we were beginning to attract interest outside the football club, and in late September, Beacon Construction of Richmond Hill, Wigan, came up with almost £200 to provide our under-12's with a complete strip. In October, when we held our second meeting, we had as guests, Roy Cavanah from Bolton and as a surprise, Bobby Charlton brought along Nobby Stiles, these along with Les Bradd, John Brown, Jeff Wright, Neil Davids, and the boss, Larry Lloyd, made it another great night! At this meeting we announced the beginning of the Coca-Cola super-skills courses on the "all-weather pitch", which have been a major success. We also welcomed Sandra Freeman, as our first girl-mascot in October.

In November, we reached another milestone by receiving our 300th membership, so in just two months we had reached our target, but it wasn't all roses, but more about that later.

The Coca-Cola was attracting 70 children each Saturday. We raised well over £300 for the Noel Ward Sponsored Walk, and we made a mistake, or to be precise, two mistakes. The first was to hold two film nights in just over a week. The result was that our attendances dropped. The second mistake was not checking on the length of the second programme, the Wembley Soccer Scope lasted 2½ hrs. not the promised 1½ hrs! Result! Disaster! Not many saw the end, but you live and learn.

As December arrived, we had two Christmas discos planned, one on the 7th and one on the 14th. Well over 100 members, between the ages of 7 and 10 (almost every member in that age group) attended a really fun-packed night on the 7th. But there was disappointment for the 11-16 yrs. age group, their disco had to be postponed because of the bad weather.

At this point, the membership had grown to around 350, and we were beginning to believe we had something rather special on our hands, and in the New Year it was to get even better, but more about that next time.

The last meeting for this season is on Thursday, 13th May, at 6.45 p.m. when Asa Hartford is Guest of Honour. As it is our last meeting, it will be very special, so DON'T MISS IT!

## MATCHDAY MASCOT

Today's Mascot is David Johnson, who is 11 years old, and attends Whelley Middle School. David enjoys all sports, and in particular, football. His favourite players are Larry Lloyd and David Glenn.

Have a nice day, David.

John Fillingham, Chairman.



# JUNIOR LATICS



# P I C T U R E



**ABOVE:**  
**SUPER SHOT . . .** One of two fierce shots from  
Eamon O'Keefe on target for the Shaymen's goal . . .

**BELOW:**  
**SUPER SAVE . . .** the end result of Eamon's efforts was  
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## Home fixtures in capitals.

Wigan scores first

Player scoring bold.

† Player substituted.

<sup>2</sup>Figure indicates no. of goals scored by player.

\*In result column indicates opponents own goal.

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AUG 31	STOCKPORT CNTY. F.L. Cup 1 1st Leg	3-0	5,079	Brown	McMahon	Glenn	Cribley	Lloyd	Methven	Sheldon	Barrow	Bradd	Quinn	Evans	Houghton
SEPT. 5	SHEFFIELD UNITED	0-1	8,001	Brown	McMahon	Glenn	Cribley†	Lloyd	Methven	Sheldon	Barrow	Houghton	Quinn	Evans	Wright
Sept 12	Hartlepool United	1-2	1,715	Brown	McMahon	McAdam†	Cribley	Lloyd	Methven	Sheldon	Barrow	Houghton	Quinn	Evans	Wright
Sept. 14	Stockport County F.L. Cup 1 2nd Leg	2-1	2,913	Ward	McMahon	Glenn	Wright	Lloyd	Methven	Sheldon	Langley†	Houghton	Quinn	Evans	Cribley
Sept. 19	NORTHAMPTON TOWN	3 1	3,996	Ward	McMahon	Glenn	Wright	Lloyd	Methven	Sheldon	Langley†	Houghton	Quinn	Evans	Cribley
Sept. 23	PORT VALE	2-0	4,525	Ward	McMahon	Cribley	Wright	Lloyd	Methven	Sheldon	Quinn†	Bradd	Houghton	Evans	Barrow
Sept 26	Tranmere Rovers	0-0	2,774	Ward	McMahon	Cribley	Wright	Lloyd	Methven	Sheldon	Quinn	Bradd	Houghton	Evans	Langley
Sept 29	A.F.C. Bournemouth	0-0	4,952	Ward	McMahon	Weston	Wright	Lloyd	Methven	Sheldon	Barrow	Houghton	Quinn	Evans	Cribley
OCT. 3	TORQUAY UNITED	1-0	4,876	Ward	McMahon	Weston	Wright	Lloyd	Methven	Sheldon	Barrow	Houghton	Quinn	Evans	Cribley
Oct 6	Aldershot F.L. Cup 2 1st Leg	2-2	1,960	Ward	McMahon	Cribley	Wignall	Lloyd	Methven	Sheldon	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Evans	Langley
Oct 10	STOCKPORT COUNTY	2-1	4,873	Ward	McMahon	Weston	Wignall	Lloyd	Methven	Sheldon	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Evans	Cribley
Oct 17	Hull City	2-0	3,600	Ward	McMahon	Weston	Wignall	Lloyd†	Methven	Sheldon	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton <sup>2</sup>	Evans	Cribley
Oct 20	Bury	3-5	6,249	Ward	McMahon	Weston	Wignall	Cribley	Methven	Sheldon	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Evans	Cribley
Oct 24	SCUNTHORPE UNITED	2-1	4,563	Ward	McMahon	Weston	Wignall	Cribley	Methven	Sheldon	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Evans	M Quinn
Oct 27	ALDERSHOT F.L. Cup 2 2nd Leg	1-0	4,926	Brown	McMahon	Glenn	Wignall	Cribley	Methven	Sheldon	Barrow	Quinn M	Houghton	Evans	Wright
Oct 30	Colchester United.	2-1	3,882	Brown	McMahon	Cribley	Wignall	Lloyd	Methven	Sheldon	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Weston	Evans
NOV 4	DARLINGTON	2-1	4,512	Brown	McMahon	Cribley	Wignall	Lloyd	Methven	Glenn	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Weston	Evans
Nov. 7	HEREFORD UNITED	1-1	4,715	Tunks	McMahon	Cribley	Wignall	Lloyd	Methven	Glenn†	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Weston	Evans
Nov. 11	CHELSEA F.L. Cup 3	4-2	12,063	Tunks	McMahon	Cribley	Wignall <sup>2</sup>	Lloyd	Methven	Sheldon	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Evans	Quinn
Nov 14	York City	0-0	2,780	Tunks	Cribley	Weston	Wignall	Lloyd	Methven	Sheldon	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Evans	Glenn
Nov. 21	HARTLEPOOL UNITED F.A. Cup 1	2-2	5,303	Tunks	McMahon	Cribley	Wignall	Bradd	Methven	Sheldon	Barrow	Quinn	Houghton	Weston	Evans
Nov. 25	Hartlepool United F.A. Cup 1R	0-1	3,739	Tunks	Cribley	Weston	Wignall†	Bradd	Methven	Sheldon	Barrow	Quinn	Houghton	Evans	Glenn
Nov. 28	Rochdale	1-1	2,675	Brown	McMahon	Glenn	Wignall	Bradd	Methven	Sheldon	Barrow	Quinn	Houghton	Evans	Wright
DEC 1	ASTON VILLA F.L. Cup 4	1-2	15,362	Tunks	McMahon	Glenn	Wignall†	Bradd	Methven	Sheldon	Barrow	Quinn	Houghton	Evans	Wright
Dec 5	HAI IFAX TOWN	2-0	4,002	Tunks	McMahon	Glenn	Wignall	Bradd	Methven†	Sheldon	Barrow	Quinn	Houghton†	Evans	Wright



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JAN. 19 PETERBOROUGH UNITED  
JAN. 23 BRADFORD CITY  
JAN. 26 Crewe Alexandra  
JAN. 30 Northampton Town

FEB. 6 HARTLEPOOL UNITED  
FEB. 8 Port Vale  
FEB. 13 Torquay United  
FEB. 17 ALDERSHOT  
FEB. 26 Stockport County

MAR. 6 HULL CITY  
MAR. 9 BURY  
MAR. 12 Scunthorpe United  
MAR. 16 Darlington  
MAR. 20 COLCHESTER UNITED  
MAR. 23 Sheffield United  
MAR. 27 Hereford United  
MAR. 30 BLACKPOOL

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APR. 9 Blackpool  
APR. 10 CREWE ALEXANDRA  
APR. 17 Halifax Town  
APR. 24 ROCHDALE

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MAY 4 A.F.C. BOURNEMOUTH  
MAY 8 MANSFIELD TOWN  
MAY 15 Aldershot

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1 - 1	8,775	Tunks	Glenn	Cribley	Wignall	Lloyd	Methven	Quinn	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	O'Keefe	Evans
0 - 0	2,545	Tunks	Glenn	Cribley	Wignall	Lloyd <sup>1</sup>	Methven	Quinn	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	O'Keefe	Evans
1 - 0	5,120	Tunks	Glenn	Cribley	Wignall	Bradd	Methven	Quinn	Barrow	O'Keefe	Houghton	Evans	Weston
1 - 0	5,084	Tunks	Glenn	Cribley	Wignall	Lloyd <sup>1</sup>	Methven	Quinn	O'Keefe	Bradd	Houghton	Evans	Weston
2 - 1	6,008	Tunks	Glenn	Weston	Wignall	Cribley	Methven	Quinn	Evans	Bradd <sup>2</sup>	Houghton	O'Keefe	Wright
3 - 2	7,508	Tunks	McMahon	Glenn	Wignall	Cribley	Methven	O'Keefe	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Evans	Quinn
7 - 2	2,599	Tunks	McMahon	Glenn	Wignall	Cribley	Methven	O'Keefe	Barrow	Bradd <sup>3</sup>	Houghton <sup>2</sup>	Evans	Quinn
1 - 3	2,147	Tunks	McMahon	Glenn	Wignall	Cribley	Methven	O'Keefe	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Evans	Quinn
3 - 2	6,747	Tunks	McMahon	Glenn	Cribley	Lloyd	Methven	O'Keefe	Barrow <sup>2</sup>	Bradd	Houghton	Evans	Quinn
0 - 1	22,336	Tunks	McMahon	Cribley	Weston	Lloyd	Methven	O'Keefe	Barrow	Bradd <sup>1</sup>	Houghton	Evans	Quinn
0 - 3	4,191	Tunks	McMahon	Glenn	Taylor	Lloyd	Methven	O'Keefe	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Evans <sup>1</sup>	Quinn
2 - 1	7,329	Tunks	McMahon	Glenn	Taylor	Lloyd	Methven	O'Keefe	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Weston	Quinn
4 - 2	6,029	Tunks	McMahon	Glenn	Taylor	Lloyd	Methven <sup>2</sup>	O'Keefe	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Weston	Quinn
2 - 1	9,439	Tunks	McMahon	Glenn	Taylor	Lloyd	Methven	O'Keefe	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Weston	Cribley
3 - 0	6,142	Tunks	McMahon	Glenn	Taylor	Cribley	Methven	O'Keefe <sup>3</sup>	Barrow	Bradd <sup>1</sup>	Houghton	Weston	Evans
0 - 0	3,660	Tunks	McMahon	Glenn	Cribley	Lloyd	Methven	O'Keefe	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Weston	Taylor

FOURTH DIVISION LEADERS AS AT TUESDAY, 20th APRIL, 1982.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Wigan Athletic	41	16	3	1	43	16	8	8	5	30	26	83
Peterborough Utd.	39	16	3	1	45	13	8	6	5	23	27	81
AFC Bournemouth	40	11	9	1	35	14	11	5	3	23	13	80
Sheffield Utd.	39	13	7	0	46	14	9	6	4	31	23	79
Bradford City	40	12	6	2	45	20	10	5	5	32	21	77

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## Comment

### FROM THE CHAIR

Good afternoon and a very warm welcome to our friends from Rochdale Football Club, a club, which despite its lowly position, has a very go-ahead Chairman and Board of Directors, whose efforts certainly deserve success.

I would like to make a personal plea to all our supporters to have patience during the next few weeks. It has been a long, long season, and we have been leading the pack for much of it. This has obviously meant a great deal of pressure on players and supporters alike, and perhaps in our last couple of games this pressure has been getting through to the players. They have not been putting things together as Larry Lloyd would like, but the lads are battlers and we are pushing on. It is essential, however, that the supporters get behind the team and that they realise that everybody connected with the Club, be they a Director, player or supporter, is suffering from sleepless nights and is ceaselessly dwelling on all the possible

computations of fixtures and league positions. But we must realise that this is the time to pull together, bite our lips rather than criticise, and voice our support.

With three home games and two away games to go, we have never been as close. Some clubs had to wait years to get promotion, the likes of Hartlepool having to wait for 45 years to get the chance. Here are we in only our fourth year of League Football with promotion within our grasp. But we all have our part to play, so get behind the lads and try, with the rest of us, to hold back on the criticism and the derogatory remarks, each one of which could be a nail in our own coffin.

On a final note, I would like to give a big vote of thanks to Williams and Glyn's, our Bankers. They have stood firmly behind us in these most difficult of times, have never put us under the kind of pressure which has pushed so many clubs to the point of closure and have put their faith in us. For our part, we will match their faith in us by honouring our commitments and making them proud of their connection with us.

Enjoy the game,

*Freddie Pye*

Freddie Pye,

Chairman.

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- 1 Roy Tunks
- 2 John McMahon
- 3 David Glenn
- 4 Brian Taylor
- 5 Larry Lloyd
- 6 Colin Methven
- 7 Eamon O'Keefe
- 8 Graham Barrow
- 9 Les Bradd
- 10 Peter Houghton
- 11 Jimmy Weston
- 12 Alex Cribley

# TEAM CHECK

## OFFICIALS

Referee:  
**MR. K.P. BARRATT**  
(Coventry)

Commenced refereeing in 1968 and progressed via the West Midlands League to the Football League list. Has refereed various local Cup finals, including the West Midland League Premier Cup Final in 1980.

A married man, with two daughters, he is a machine tool fitter. For six years was Secretary of Coventry Referees' Association and was also an amateur goalkeeper with Coventry City.

### Linesmen:

Red Flag  
**Mr. R.A. Funnell**  
(Chester)

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(Red/Green)

- 1 Graeme Crawford
- 2 Nigel O'Loughlin
- 3 Eric Snookes
- 4 Terry Dolan
- 5 Brian Taylor
- 6 Alan Weir
- 7 Neville Hamilton
- 8 Dave Esser
- 9 Dave Goodwin
- 10 Barry Wellings
- 11 Eugene Martinez
- 12 Mark Hilditch

## "HERE NEXT"

Tuesday, 4th May, 1982.  
Kick-off 7.30 p.m.  
**WIGAN ATHLETIC -v- AFC BOURNMOUTH**  
Football League Division Four.